

Dear FCC:

Please reject NAB's petition 04-160. I am a XM radio subscriber because local radio is no longer local, not with Clear Channel, Inity and Cap Cities basically owning every station. There is no diversity of programming, yet alone any local identification.

Since you allowed such mega-companies to take over the airwaves, diversity of programming has been virtually non-existent. XM Radio presents a true alternative, especially for listeners of color, which often are underserved, especially in the Twin Cities. Getting traffic and weather on demand is very beneficial and the NAB should not be allowed to dictate what the buying public chooses to hear, since they are subscribers to the 'open market' theory.

It is not in the public's best interest if the above mentioned petition is acted upon. There are other matters, such as keeping cable rates down, that your office could spend more time addressing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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